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NEW ZONING BY-LAWS VOTED

With only minor changes, the new Zoning Law for the Town of Wilmington was voted, in a special Town Meeting, held in the new High School Auditorium, on Monday evening. 356 voters were present.

The new law, which has yet to be approved by the Attorney General, provides three classes of residential lots in Wilmington, one of 22,500 square feet, one of 60,000 square feet, one of 10,000 square feet. A move to strike out the 60,000 foot lots failed, on a standing vote, 171 to 81. It was the most controversial item in the evening's agenda.

Amendments which were accepted by the Town included one specifically allowing establishments for the breeding of animals for scientific purposes; one in which present plots of land, shown on a plan of record of the effective date of this by-law are excluded from any greater requirements, providing that the lots in question had already been approved by the Zoning Law of 1934, or by the Planning Board, after July 28, 1954; and an amendment offered by the Board of Health, which provided that said Board must approve of any place, before the Board of Appeals can grant a variance, for use as a dump.

Amendments to the Zoning Map were two: One provided that the Northeast Corner of West and Lowell Streets (Elia's Busy Corner) be a Neighborhood Business Zone, for 350 feet along Lowell Street, and 125 feet along West Street. The other extended the General Business Zone, from Wilmington Square along Lowell Street, until it met the Single Residence 'R' Zone, adjacent to Parker Street.

The Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 8:20 by Moderator Simon Cutter, who expressed for the town a wish for speedy recovery to Herbert Barrows, veteran Town Official, and Chairman of the Finance Committee. It was the first Town Meeting, regular or special, that Mr. Barrows had missed in over 61 years.

Article 1, voted on motion of Mrs. Wavie Drew, Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, to transfer \$1000.00 from the Interest Account to the Available Funds Account.

Article 2, voted, on motion of Selectman Joseph Woods

to transfer \$1300.00 from the Available Funds Account to the Vocational Training Account.

Article 3, voted, on motion of E. Hayward Bliss, to transfer \$700.00 from available Funds to the Veterans Aid Account.

Article 4, voted, on motion of Selectman Nicholas DeFelice, to transfer \$846.67 from the New Cruiser Account to the Police Department Expense Account.

Article 5 and 6, on motion of Mrs. Drew, were postponed until after the town had voted on Article 8.

Article 7, on motion of Selectman, Charles Black voted to authorize the Board of Water Commissioners to take an easement for the purpose of extending a water main on West Street, (at the curve) and to transfer \$100.00 for possible damages and \$3,338.19 from the 1954 Water Extension Account and \$3000.00 from the West Street Account for the purpose of constructing, etc., the main.

The Zoning Law

The discussion of the new Zoning Law began at 8:35, with Moderator Cutter reading the law, paragraph by paragraph, and awaiting comments or motions from the floor. In some instances Cutter without opposition, read only the first few words of each paragraph.

The first objection came from Robert Moran, of Lower Main Street. Moran had a building 50 years old, he felt that under the new law he would be unable to use it. Professor William Goodman, consultant of the Planning Board, after having obtained permission to speak stated that the law would not affect the status of the 50 year old building. Moran: 'It certainly does, and I don't agree with the gentleman.'

The second objection was from Atty. David Elfman, former Moderator of Wilmington. He moved that the plan be amended so as to include property in which he conducts his business, on Main Street, into the Industrial Zone. Elfman was vague as to distances, and after being assured by Professor Goodman and the Town Counsel that his business would not be affected he withdrew his motion, but not before he had told the voters that 'You are the bosses, not the town officers.'

In Section III-1-A-d Ralph Currier offered an amendment of Selectman Joseph Woods which was voted by the town

MCKELVEY TO RUN FOR MODERATOR

Harold W. McKelvey, Border Avenue, has announced that he will be a candidate for election as Moderator of Wilmington, in the 1956 annual elections. In a statement to the press Mr. McKelvey said: 'Should my general physical condition improve I will wage a most active campaign to become Wilmington's next Moderator.'

Mr. McKelvey, who has announced his candidacy on previous occasions, pointed out that during his former campaigns were hampered by hospitalization, and that he had supported David Elfman, former Moderator, and Simon Cutter, present Moderator, during their campaigns, making public statements in the press in their favor. He stated that he has great admiration and confidence in the present Moderator and believes that Cutter has done a fine job, but that he, McKelvey, through his own knowledge of Law and Town Government in general can also serve the town with distinction.

To ensure that flowers, fruit and vegetables raised in a back yard garden could be sold by the owner. Goodman pointed out that the way the law was written was to prevent back-yard gardeners from having trucks come to buy, etc. There was a considerable discussion as to the size of a farm, with the Three Acre size, as defined in the law coming under attack.

Selectman DeFelice supported Currier, and Goodman pointed out that this amendment could start a chain reaction. Moran: 'Professor is a nice man, but I don't agree with him!'

Town Counsel Philip Buzzell stated that he believed that Currier should get his amendment 'through' if he wanted to be certain.

It was finally voted after Edmund Sargent had asked a similar question about selling hay he raised on a 2 acre plot. 'Do I sell it, or do I have to give it away?'

A question raised by Arthur B. Harper, Crest Avenue, as to a piece of land he owned was settled to Harper's satisfaction, after he explained he had had it 'land-courted' in 1927.

Rat Farm

Personalities entered the discussion, at 9:40 p.m. when Henry Porter offered an (Continued on Page 7)

LEGACY OF BOOKS TO PUBLIC LIBRARY

Several hundred volumes, in English, French and Italian, have been left to the Wilmington Public Library, by the late Mervyn Curl, of Rockport and Wilmington. The books have yet to be classified, by the Library staff.

Mr. Curl, who died in Rockport on Sept. 29th, had been Professor of English, at Boston University, and at Indiana State University. Retiring from teaching, he was on the staff of one of the Boston Insurance Companies in the latter years of his life. He was a resident of Wilmington for over 20 years, moving from his Andover Street home to Rockport about two years before he died.

HERBERT BARROWS HOME

Herbert Barrows, Chairman of the Wilmington Finance Committee, and Wilmington's most respected citizen, returned home from St. John's Hospital, on Monday afternoon. Mr. Barrows had spent a week in the hospital because of recurrent nose-bleeds. He is 82 years old.

ANDREW PUPA IN MASS. GENERAL

Andrew Pupa, 16 year old High School senior, son of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Borghetti of Kendall Street is in the Massachusetts General Hospital, in critical condition.

Six weeks out of school, he has spent the past four weeks in the St. John's Hospital in Lowell, suffering from pneumonia. He was transferred to the Massachusetts General Hospital Monday.

FINED \$10.00 IN WOBURN COURT

James J. Casey, 216 Main Street, Woburn, paid \$10.00 in fines, in Woburn Court, on Nov. 21st after pleading guilty to charges of speeding, and failure to keep to the right. Officer Charles Ellsworth had arrested Casey

FAILURE TO STOP COSTS \$5.00

James McKenna, Jr. of Billerica paid a \$5.00 fine in Woburn Court, on Nov. 23rd; after pleading guilty to a charge of failure to stop for the Stop Sign, at Shawheen Avenue and Main Street. He had been arrested by Officer George Fuller.

OLDEST RESIDENT DIES



Wilmington's Oldest Resident, Mrs. J. Amos Durkee, 397 Salem Street, passed away peacefully on Thanksgiving afternoon, in the house in which she had lived since her husband built it in 1889. Born Judith Meuse, in Belleville, Nova Scotia, July 10, 1860, she had been a resident of Wilmington for over 83 years. Eight of her eleven children were present at the time of her death. Mrs. Durkee and her husband had celebrated their 60th Wedding Anniversary just prior to his death a few years ago. She was a member of a widely known and well liked family, and hundreds of mourners have paid their respects, in the past few days.

Mrs. Durkee first came to Wilmington when she was 12 years old. She lived with an older sister, Mrs. Jeremiah Doucette, in a house which no longer exists, on Salem Street, near Martin's Brook, and attended the old North School, then in charge of Miss Clara Bancroft. In her later years she enjoyed talking of Miss Bancroft, and her classmates in the school.

She later married J. Amos Durkee, and lived in a house near that of her sister. Her husband built a new home and in that home they raised eleven children. Her marriage to Mr. Durkee was in the St. Augustine Church in Andover. Wilmington at that time did not have a Catholic Church, but after the founding of St. Thomas she was a faithful communicant for many years.

Surviving her are Mrs. Ellis Doucette of North Reading; John William of 397 Salem Street; Mrs. James Sullivan, of Andover; Mrs. Frederic Flint of Basking Ridge N.J.; Adrian of Clark Street; Sis-

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BILLY KANE AND WOBURN

One of the most colorful men of this section
of Middlesex County died last Friday, William
E. (Billy) Kane, Mayor of Woburn for 12 years,
died of a cerebral hemorrhage at the age of 63.

Billy was a lawyer of note, one who could
smell a case from a mile away. A registered
Democrat, he didn't mind jumping over to the
Republican side of the fence on occasion, and
it was this habit which undoubtedly cost him a
nomination as Governor of Massachusetts. The
Party Regulars didn't like such tactics. If he
had ever received the nomination, he would have
been elected, in our humble opinion.

He was elected Mayor of Woburn on a platform
of reducing taxes, and this he did, in a rough
and tumble 12 years. He jumped, with both feet
on every city department, and consequently was
very unpopular with the city employees, but
very popular elsewhere. He was Mayor of Woburn
for a longer time than anyone else in the city's
history.

For instance, Kane learned that members of the
Fire Department were holding down two jobs,
working outside in the daytime, and then sleep-
ing at night in the Station House. He soon
fixed that, by ordering shifts so as to break
up regular sleeping habits.

He turned off the street lights, on nights
when there was a full moon. He didn't get a-
round to plowing the streets, after snowfalls,
at least not immediately. 'God put it there,
let him take it away' was the way that Kane ex-
pressed it. On his first day in office he
fired 30 employees, and virtually wiped out
the local WPA administrative force, and he put
over a 20% reduction, in pay of city employees.
He reduced taxes \$7.30 in one year. The peo-
ple loved him.

Perhaps his best known stunt was the time he
ordered the Lion's Cage. It was part of a
program to get drunks off the streets of Wo-
burn. We always suspected that a certain Bos-
ton newspaper put him on to the idea. Anyway,
Kane ordered an iron cage, mounted on wheels,
which cost \$200.00, and proposed to trundle
this through the streets of Woburn, each even-
ing. Such drunks as would be discovered would
be thrown into the 'Lion's Cage' and paraded
through the city.

For that stunt, if for nothing else, he will
always be remembered.

WATER EXTENSIONS

The Water Extension Committee has put in a lot
of hours, this summer and fall, working on a
new water program for the town. It isn't com-
plete yet, but this much can be said: The com-
mittee has voted unanimously that Water Exten-
sions should be on the Betterment Plan.

The committee noted that many places where
water was put in prior to last year was only
for the purpose of getting hydrants on the st-
reet. The committee also noted that many st-
reets that wanted water were unable to get it,
because, in effect, they had to wait for the
committee's approval. Even if they wanted to
pay for the water, they couldn't get to first
base.

By voting for the Betterment Plan, the com-
mittee feels that those streets which really want
water can get it much quicker, and those st-
reets in which the inhabitants are looking for
a free ride on the town will be deferred. The
costs will be spread over a period of years,
according to the committee's thinking, with 20
years being the probable limit. This means
that it would cost a householder with a 100
foot lot about \$250 over a 20 year period, in
addition to his regular water bill.

It will undoubtedly be a subject for discus-
sion at the Annual Town Meeting, next March.
The final decision will be by the Town, and not
by the Committee, of course.

OUR TWO FAVORITE POLITICIANS

We don't mind admitting that we have two fav-
orite politicians (always bearing in mind that
a politician is a politician). Our favorites
are Sumner Whittier and Jack Kennedy. One is
Lieutenant Governor of Massachusetts and the
other is the Junior Senator of Massachusetts.

We have always been in Sumner's corner. We
were, in 1952, when he nearly made a bid for
Governor, and we would have been, had he bid
for it in 1954. What brings this to our mind
is an article which appeared in the Christian
Science Monitor on November 19th, entitled
'Whittier '56 Stock Ascends'. The article calls
him a 'sure thing' for Republican nominee for
Governor, if Governor Herter does not seek a
third term. It further says that prospects are
'remote' that Governor Herter will do so.

We hope so. We shall be in his corner,
rooting.

Jack Kennedy is another politician we like. He
recently had to take an enforced vacation in a
hospital because of a war injury. Jack didn't
waste his time, however, while he was on his
back. He wrote a book entitled 'Profiles in
Courage', which is due to appear early next
year. We have read one excerpt, in Harper's
Magazine! and we were tremendously impressed.

We shall have to make sure that the Wilmington
Public Library gets this book, for we want to
read it all.

NOT HALF AS BAD AS RUMORED

It is a funny thing how rumors will spread,
and grow at the same time. During the past week
we have been hearing all sorts of rumors about
the firms that are working in the construction
of our new High School.

Actually, all that happened was that one of
the sub-contractors was forced into receivership
by events that had nothing to do with the new
school. Because he was forced into receiver-
ship, liens have been placed on the money due
him, to protect the salaries of those people who
worked for him, in the new school.

It is as simple as that.

NEW CITS.

Wilmington (and Hathaway Acres) acquired a
couple of new residents during the past month,
men who were already well known in town. Fred
Calabrese, Principal Assessor, formerly of
Medford, and Pat Thibeau, Sanitarian, formerly
of Chelmsford, are the men. They live opposite
each other, in a section of the Acres that we
have dubbed 'Government Corner'. (Next corner
up has three Scandinavian families, and that
corner has been dubbed 'Squarehead Corner')

A SON TO THE BARNABY'S

Born to Mr and Mrs Frank
Barnaby, Pinewood Road, No.
Wilmington, a son, Stacey
Lee Barnaby, on Nov. 7th.,
in Choate Memorial Hospital

NEW CITIZEN

A son, Garry A Arburg was
born to Mr and Mrs Louis F.
Arburg, Dobson Avenue, on
Nov 14th in the Choate Mem-
orial Hospital, Woburn.

TOWN OF WILMINGTON



BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Notice is hereby given that
the Board of Selectmen will
hold a Public Hearing in the
Town Hall at 9 pm Dec. 5,
1955 on the application of
Altman's Inc. for a license
to sell all alcoholic bever-
ages in a retail package
store, located at 411 Main
Street having three rooms
on one floor. N24D1

Wavie M Drew Chmn.
Board of Selectmen

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Town Hall at 9 pm Dec 5 1955
on the application of the
Church Street Hardware Inc.
for a license to sell all
alcoholic beverages in a
retail package store locat-
ed at 1 - 3 Church Street
and having four rooms on the
first floor and two rooms in
the cellar for storage N24D1

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the Board of Selectmen will
hold a public hearing in the
Town Hall at 9 pm Dec 5 1955
on the application of the
Wilmington Center Pharmacy
Inc. for a license to sell
all alcoholic beverages in a
retail package store located
at 432 Main Street, with two
rooms on the first floor and
the cellar for storage. N24D1

Wavie M Drew Chmn.
Board of Selectmen

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Notice is hereby given that
the Board of Selectmen will
hold a Public Hearing in the
Town Hall at 9 pm Dec 5 1955
on the application of the
McManus Liquor Store Inc for
a license to sell all alco-
holic beverages in a retail
package store located at 188
Main Street, and having two
rooms on the street floor
and an attic. N24D1

Wavie M Drew Chmn.
Board Of Selectmen

TOWN OF WILMINGTON BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be
held in the Town Hall on
Thursday Dec 8th at 8:00 pm
on the request of Jackson
Pastor, President of Stevens
Supermarket Inc. for a var-
iance in the Zoning Laws to
allow for the making of a
parking lot of Lots 190-193
inc. on Oakwood Road

Walter L Hale Jr
Secretary
Board of Appeals

CUB SCOUT PACK 56 AT THEIR THANKSGIVING PARTY



WHAT'S NEW IN THE PAST WEEK

Kenneth Kelley of Middlesex Avenue is pictured at left, at the console of the organ in the Congregational Church. Mr Kelley is Dean of Music Emeritus of Boston University. He will be the Congregational Organist during the Advent Season.

At right is pictured one of the new 'Welcome to Wilmington' signs which are being posted near the borders of the town. This sign is on Main Street, near the Town Memorial Park

CHANGES HIS MIND AND GETS ONE MONTH SENTENCE

Russell Callahan, 29 Highland Street Woburn was sentenced to serve one month in the Billerica County Jail, and to pay a fine of \$20 in Woburn Court on Nov 25th.

Callahan had appealed a previous finding of guilty to the Middlesex Superior Court. On Nov. 25th, on advice of his attorney he withdrew his appeal, and pled guilty. He had originally been arrested by Sgt John Imbimbo of the Wilmington Police on August 13th.

For operating a car while under the influence of liquor he was sentenced to serve 30 days. For leaving the scene of an accident he got 30 days. For operating after his license had been suspended he got 10 days. All sentences are to be served concurrently.

He was fined \$20 for operating a car so as to endanger others. A drunk charge was filed.

NEW BABY ARRIVES

Mr. and Mrs. Richard C. Gray of Silverhurst Avenue are the proud parents of a new baby girl, Diane, who was born on November 18th in Saint Joseph's Hospital in Lowell and weighed 6 lbs. 15 ozs. at birth. Her mother is the former Martha Ann Rooney and her grandmother is Mrs. Patrick J. Rooney of Jones Avenue. Diane has an older brother Robert.

SECOND DAUGHTER

Mr. and Mrs. Leo P. O'Connell Jr., (Marie T. Baldwin) of Jones Avenue announce the birth of Nancy Elizabeth who was born in Winchester Hospital on Friday, October 21st, weighing 9 lbs. and 2 ozs. Nancy has three brothers and one sister and her grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Baldwin of Jones Avenue and Mr. and Mrs. Leo P. O'Connell of 5 Hunt Road.

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COMING EVENTS

(Please call OL 8-2973 to list events in this column. No calls accepted after Monday Noon for listing.)

THURSDAY DEC 1ST

2:30 Handy Hands Mrs Leonard
2:30 Methodist Fair
3:15 G Scouts Mrs H Brown
3:15 Busy Needles Mrs Mortelliti
6:30 Methodist Supper
7:00 B Scouts at SLBA
7:00 Ballroom Dancing Class starts, H. School, for Grades 7, 8, 9 & 10
8:00 Entertainment ME Church

FRIDAY DEC 2ND

Tag Day for Benefit of Retarded Children
3:15 G Scouts Walker School
3:15 Brownies Walker School
7:00 Cub Scouts Swain School
7:30 B Scouts W Wilm. Bet. H.
7:30 4H Trail Blazers R. Allar

SATURDAY DEC 3RD

Tag Day Benefit Retarded Ch.
6:00 Square & Compass Club Bean Supper Mas. Hall
7:00 to 9:00 Food Committee at Villanova Hall to receive donations for food sale Sunday.

SUNDAY DEC 4TH

7:30 am to 12:30 pm. Food sale at Villanova Hall by CDA, Benefit of Retarded Children.

MONDAY DEC 5TH

1:30 M Rogers Mothers Club at SLBA
2:30 G Scouts at Library
3:15 G Scouts Wildwood Schol
3:30 Brownies Wildwood Schl
3:30 Hobby Club

TUESDAY DEC 6TH

8:00 Whist Pty at W Wil Com Club benefit Ret. Chldn

WEDNESDAY DEC 7TH

8:00 House Pty at Mrs Gertrude Sawyer, benefit Retarded Children

SATURDAY DEC 10TH

7:00 Turkey Dinner Leg. Hall
8:00 Entertainment & Dance Legion Hall

WEDNESDAY DEC 14TH

8:00 Friendship Lodge AF&AM

THURSDAY DEC 15TH

1:30 Women's Club Coffee Hr.
2:00 Women's Club Bus. Meet.

SATURDAY DEC 17TH

7:00 Football Banquet HS Caf

SUNDAY DEC 18TH

3:30 Xmas Party Grange Hall
Santa Claus & Gifts

WEDNESDAY DEC 21ST

8:00 Grange Meet. Xmas Prog.

FRIDAY DEC 23RD

8:00 H S. Junior Class Dance

OLDEST RESIDENT

(from front page)

ter Mary Emmanuel OSF, St. Claire's Hospital, N.Y. Amos of Mansfield; Walter Lundehurst, N. J.; Eldon of Lawrence and Leslie and Mrs. Frederick Doucette of North Wilmington. There are 16 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren.

A solemn High Mass of Requiem was celebrated in St. Thomas Church at 10 am on Nov. 28th. Burial was in the family lot in Wildwood Cemetery. The McMahon Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

CONGREGATIONAL NEWS

Church Cabinet Thursday at 8 p.m.

Junior High basketball, Friday at 7 p.m., and choir rehearsal Friday at 8 p.m.

Regular schedule for Sunday.

Next Tuesday the Girl Scouts will meet at 3 p.m. and the Center Branch Associates at 8 p.m., both at the church, and the Finance Committee will meet at 8 p.m. at the home of Robert Ramsdell.

The monthly meeting of the L.B.S. will be a dessert Christmas party at the home of Mrs. Harold Melzar on Wednesday at 12:30 p.m. The new Boy Scout troop will meet Wednesday at 7 p.m. at the church.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION TO BE OBSERVED AT METHODIST CHURCH, SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4

The sacrament of Holy Communion will be observed at the Wilmington Methodist Church on Sunday, December 4, at both the 9:15 and 11 a.m. worship services. The Rev. Richard E. Harding will be assisted in these services by the local preacher's of the parish, William Campbell and Ariel Wood.

Last Sunday, Mr. Harding pointed out that Jesus was able to find God in the common experiences of life, while we today have a tendency to look for him in the spectacular and miraculous. 'Looking forward to the communion service on Sunday, December 4th', Mr. Harding states, 'that Jesus experienced God's abiding presence even in a common meal such as he shared with his disciples in the upper room'.

Miss Yolandi Moe will sing 'Softly and Tenderly' at the first service, and the senior choir under the leadership of Mrs. Wilbur T. Staveley will sing the anthem, and responses to the communion service at the 11 a.m. worship hour.

SON FOR THE THEODORE WICKS FAMILY

Mr and Mrs Theodore Wicks of Pilling Road, North Wilmington have announced the birth of a son, Peter Jacob born on Nov. 12th in the Choate Memorial Hospital in Woburn.

OFFICIAL ZONING MAP
OF THE
TOWN OF WILMINGTON, MASS.

As Voted in the Special Town Meeting Nov 28th

MAP OF WILMINGTON, MASS.

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BY

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T. IPSHAM, ME.

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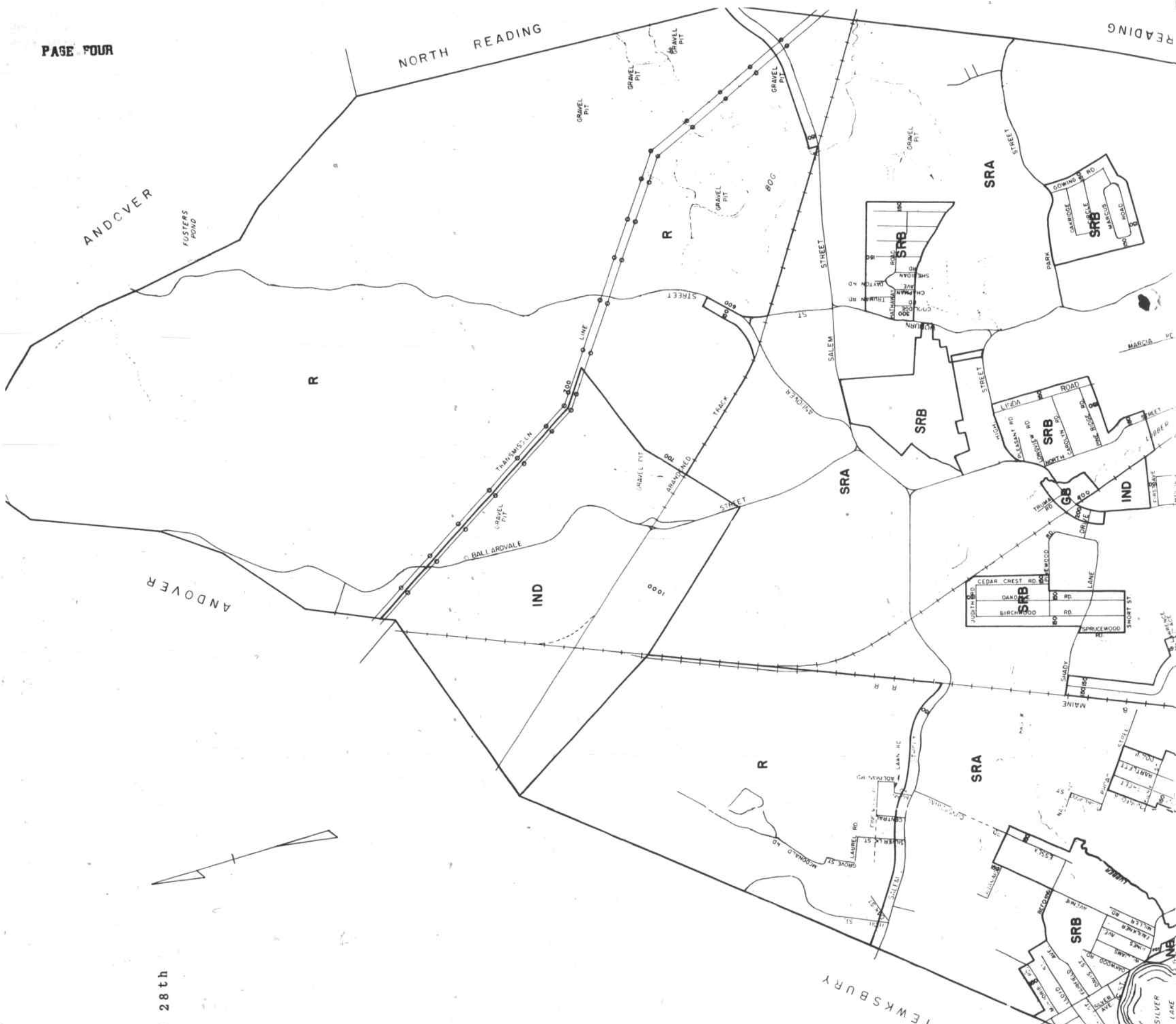
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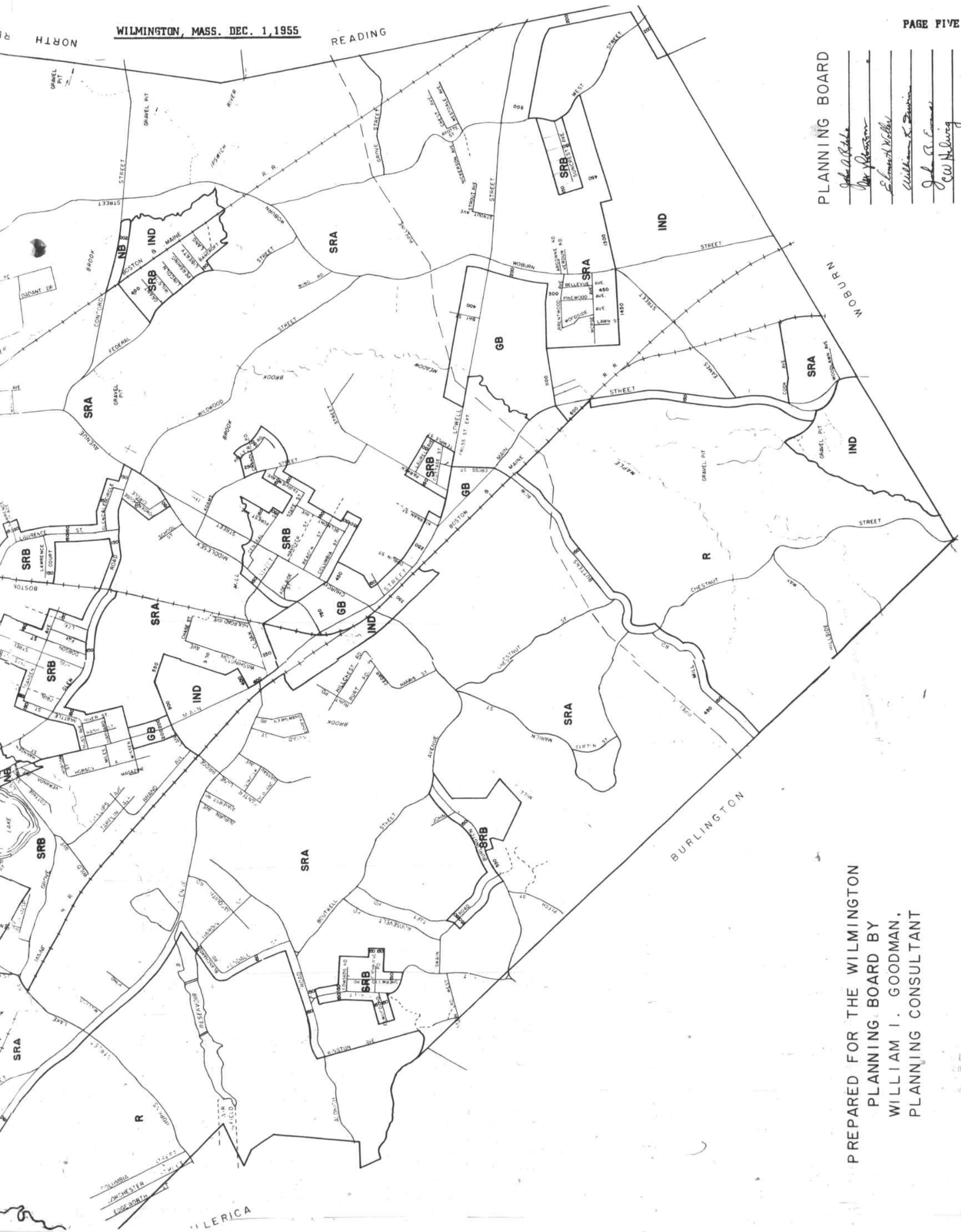
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DISTRICT	MINIMUM FRONTAGE	MINIMUM AREA
R	200 FT.	60,000 SQ. FT.
SRA	125 FT.	22,500 SQ. FT.
SRB	100 FT.	10,000 SQ. FT.
NB	30 FT.	3,000 SQ. FT.
GB	30 FT.	3,000 SQ. FT.
IND	100 FT.	10,000 SQ. FT.

- R - RURAL
- SRA - SINGLE-RESIDENCE-A
- SRB - SINGLE-RESIDENCE-B
- NB - NEIGHBORHOOD BUSINESS
- GB - GENERAL BUSINESS
- IND - INDUSTRIAL

000 FIGURES INDICATE NUMBER
OF FEET BETWEEN DISTRICT
BOUNDARY AND NEAREST LINE
OR POINT ADJACENT THERETO
AS SHOWN ON THIS MAP





PLANNING BOARD

John A. Richey
 Mr. [Signature]
 E. [Signature]
 William K. [Signature]
 John R. [Signature]
 CW Helwig

PREPARED FOR THE WILMINGTON
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 WILLIAM I. GOODMAN,
 PLANNING CONSULTANT



FINLAY MACKINNON
(He can throw ashes
to windward)

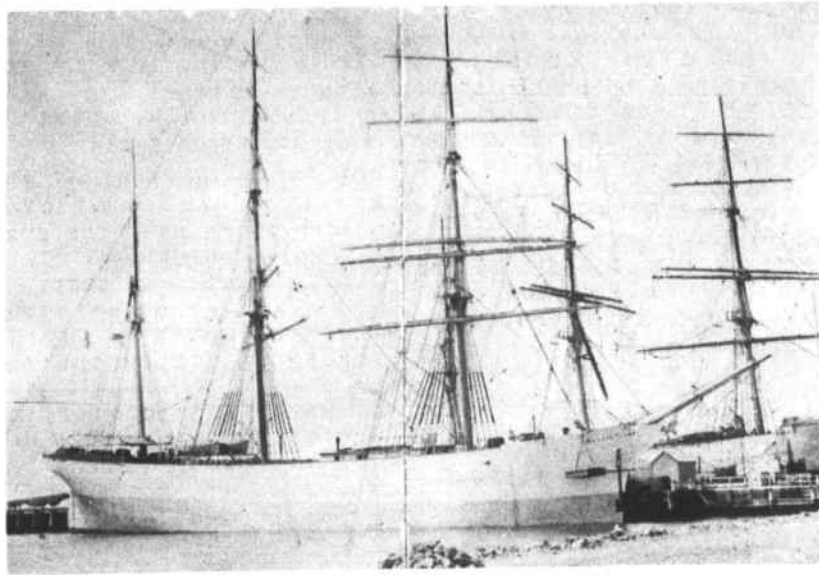
Finlay MacKinnon of Andover street is a man who can throw ashes to windward. This almost foolish sounding maneuver has a significance to deep water sailor men, for it means that MacKinnon has gone around Cape Horn seven times in a sailing ship.

In the old days one of the things that always happened at the beginning of a voyage was to have a scullery boy come out of the galley with a scuttle of ashes, to throw over the ship's side. Fresh and unknowing he would throw it over the nearest side, and within fractions of seconds hear the outraged roar of the Mate on watch, or perhaps, the Skipper himself. The nearest side, it turned out, was also the windward side, and those ashes had blown back over the ship, perchance over the skipper himself. If the skipper wasn't black in the face from the ashes, and the mate wasn't, the ship itself was extremely dirty as a result of the boy's mistake, and he would be put to work to clean it up, on his own time.

That was he would learn the meaning of the old sailor slogan 'Only a man who has been seven times around the Horn can throw ashes to windward'.

Finlay MacKinnon is a retired clothing salesman, but before he went into the clothing business, in Lynn, 35 years ago he spent many years at sea, in sail. He was born in Charlottetown, PEI, and first shipped out on the Bluenose Barkentine ARGENTINE as a boy. After that he shipped on the British Bark GLEN OGLE, out of Glasgow. His next cruise was in the ARDEN CRAIG, a full rigged ship (square sails on all three masts), carrying coal from Cardiff to Capetown. After discharging at Capetown the ship went to New Caledonia in ballast, and loaded nickle ore.

Nickle ore is a very heavy material, and the skipper of the ship seems to have put too much into the holds (bottom part of the ship) for, it turned out, the ship was too stiff when it got to sea. The weights were too far down, and the ship became like a pendulum and jerked her masts out, in a gale of wind, 480 miles off Cape Breton N.Z.



British Bark **NELLIE TROOP**, Capt. Arthur Noble. Photographed in the old grain port of Geelong, Australia, in 1903. MacKinnon made six voyages around the world as Second Mate of this vessel

A Man of War from the Royal Navy towed the ship to Russell N.Z. after which it was towed to Auckland, where many months were spent in getting re-rigged. The best that could be done was to get the ship 'jury-rigged' which means 'substitute rigged', and with this she sailed with her nickle ore for Rotterdam Holland, arriving there after a one year voyage.

They sailed around the Horn taking six weeks to get past the cape.

MacKinnon recalls that while the ARDEN CRAIG was lying in Auckland the schooner SCOTIA was also there. She was the boat in which Scott sailed to the Antarctic, on his way to discover the South Pole. Scott got to the South Pole only to find that Amundsen had been there first, and to lose his own life on the way back to his boat.

The SCOTIA was a peculiarly built craft, specially constructed for the work in which she was engaged. She had 12 feet of solid oak, forward, to prevent the ice from crushing her in. MacKinnon was on board her many times, as she lay in Auckland.

MacKinnon eventually found himself Second Mate of the NELLIE TROOP, Capt. Arthur Noble. The NELLIE TROOP was a very fine bark built in Bristol, and had a main skysail yard, which not too many ships carried in those late days. To carry a main skysail yard meant that there were five sets of sails, one above the other on the main (second) mast, a common practice in the days of the Clippers of '49 but not very common in the early part of the twentieth century.

The NELLIE TROOP was in the Australian Grain Trade, and with MacKinnon as Second Mate she made 6 voyages around the world in three years. They would load grain in Geelong, Australia go southeast to Latitude 50 degrees South, and then run the Easting Down, to Cape Horn and thence to Capetown, where they would discharge their cargo, go in ballast down to 50 degrees again and again run the Easting Down to Geelong.

MacKinnon can recall the bark making 18 knots, under sail, in such circum-

stances. She would have all sail set, with the wind off the quarter (what a modern airplane pilot would call '7:30'), and with a high seas snorting behind according to MacKinnon's description, a description which he recites with a certain amount of nostalgia. MacKinnon, retired, now devotes himself to the writing of poetry, some of which is reproduced here. 'Song of the Winds', written by him, describes very well the memories of winds as heard in sail. He plans to move shortly to Portland Maine.

SONG OF THE WINDS Finlay MacKinnon

*I heard the voice of a gentle wind,
As it sang to the sleeping sea
That laid as still as if reclined
On a couch of melody.
Twas the same old tale that the winds have told
Since ever the sea was young
And hearts of men grow wondrous bold
Where ere that song is sung*

*I heard the voice of a boisterous wind
That peaceful slumber break
Then speed away and leave behind
A pale sea in its wake.
For wilful things are winds that blow
They jest and the sea grows strong.
She waves her whitecaps to and fro,
To the lilt of that olden song.*

STOLEN CAR RECOVERED

A 1950 Mercury, stolen from the Gildart Chevrolet Garage on Main Street at 4:30 p.m. Nov. 23rd was recovered half an hour later at a Billerica home by Sgt. Imbimo and Officer Cuoco of the Wilmington Police. Further investigation is being made.

TWO FINED FOR SPEEDING

Charles Davis, 2020 Main Street, Tewksbury, and William F. Rowe, 10 Harrison Avenue were each fined \$10.00 for speeding, in Woburn Court, on Nov. 21st. Both had been arrested by Chief of Police Paul Lynch, and both pled guilty.

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ALL TYPES OF INSURANCE

MRS. ELLIS INJURED IN HAVERHILL

Mrs. Adeline Ellis, Adelman Road, North Wilmington was injured in a pedestrian auto accident about 5:30 pm Tuesday, in Haverhill. She has been sent to the Hale Hospital, in Haverhill, for treatment. She is believed to have an injured left knee.

BEAN SUPPER

The Wilmington Square and Compass Club will hold a bean supper Saturday evening December 6th, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. in the Masonic Apartments, on Church Street. Chairman is William Coffin, Jr. For reservations please call OLiver 8-2911 or OLiver 8-4524.

HIT BY SQUASH PIE

Arthur Brothers, School Street, Tewksbury, told the Wilmington Police on Nov. 24th that he had been hit on the back of the head by a squash pie, about 9:15 pm thrown by an unknown person, who was riding in a grey Plymouth sedan. The incident occurred in Wilmington Square, and the car sped off towards Silver Lake, without showing lights.

SCHOOL CAFETERIA MENU WEEK OF DEC. 5TH

MONDAY
Dagwood Juniors, Potato Chips, Buttered Whole Kernel Corn, Fruit & Milk

TUESDAY
Bacon Cheeseburgers, Cold Slaw, Buttered Green Beans Chococolate Pudding & Milk.

WEDNESDAY
Grilled Frankfurters, Mustard & Relish, Potato Salad Pickled Beets, Buttered Rolls, Coconut Macaroons & Milk

THURSDAY
Corn Chowder, Grilled Cheese Sandwich, Buttered Peas, Carrot Sticks, Grapefruit sections & Milk

FRIDAY
Baked Haddock Fillets with Spanish Sauce, Parsley Potatoes, Buttered Carrots, Bread & Butter, Cookies & Milk.

FIRE DEPARTMENT CALLED WHEN BOILER BURSTS

A boiler in the home of Robert Cavanaugh, Powder House Circle, burst at 3:25 pm Nov. 26th, causing the Wilmington Fire Department to respond to an emergency call. Water damage only, has been reported.

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ZONING BY LAWS

(From Front Page)

amendment to specifically allow 'Indoor Breeding Laboratory for Scientific or Medical Research'. There was some confusion as to the meaning of the amendment. Selectman Black and Stanley Webber of the Finance Committee asked questions which led the Moderator to ask that an explanation of 'Indoor Breeding' be given. His question was greeted with laughter.

Personal remarks were passed as to alleged odors, or the lack of them, and as to the fact that a member of the Planning Board owned the land where the Breeding Laboratory was located. Doctor Henry Foster, owner of the Laboratory, was permitted to speak, after which the amendment he sought was voted by the town.

The 60,000 Foot Question

At 9:42 the meeting had progressed to the point where the Schedule of requirements for the various sized lots was to be discussed. (Section V). Har-

old W. McKelvey started the fireworks referring to the proposed 60,000 foot lots in the 'rural' areas. 'Unreasonable! We are being kidded into believing that we will have \$35,000 and \$40,000 homes in this area! This isn't Belmont or Prides Crossing.'

Tom Daly: I am in a 60,000 foot zone—There is usually a motif—come to find out, the reason is to discourage people with children from moving into town. About to hang a sign on the Town Hall 'People with Children Keep Out!' We are regimented plenty. If these by-laws are accepted you will have members of the Board of Health knocking on your door to look into your garbage pails!

He read an excerpt from the last week's issue of the Town Crier. 'Real interesting—these zoning strips present a hazard to the people.'

Daly moved an amendment to change the 60,000 foot laws to conform with the proposed 22,500 foot lots.

Goodman: When I came here I learned about the piggeries in this town. 20 piggeries. I was amazed. It seemed that Wilmington belonged to the pigs. Who in Wilmington 10 years ago, would have thought that such plants as Unit Packing Co. would be here, or \$20,000 houses. Yet we have them today. From my studies with the State, I know that the bigger houses are moving out, and Wilmington will probably get some. There are about 3000 homes in Wilmington today

and there is room for 5600 more, without including the rural areas, the 60,000 foot lots.

There are several approaches to this question. First what is best for the present residents—to protect themselves by a zoning law, and to allow a reasonable growth, of say 200 homes a year. The town still needs good fire protection, schools, roads and other appurtenances.

Let the buyer beware! If you get developments such as you have in the surrounding towns, with small lots and small houses, not only will the residents suffer, but the older ones too.

A third reason: If the 60,000 foot lot isn't reasonable, then why not put yourself in a position of going back to the 10,000 foot lots, or even further, to the old 5000 foot lots? The Professor finished. A farmer, who said he owned 90 acres wanted to know why 'that spot' (the Ballardvale Street Industrial Zone) became an Industrial Zone.

Goodman too! the floor. He pointed out the new proposed Route 28 and the two exits. 'Areas adjacent to these ramps are allocated for Industrial Zones. Trucks can enter and leave, without using the streets of the town. The land is good, and it will be attractive to industry.'

Farmer: 'You did pretty good A man on the Planning Board owns that land.'

Daly: 'We have listened to some wonderfully worded phrases from the Professor. To get back of it all, it is the children. According to the Town Crier there are 4-500foot lots in the 10,000 foot zone and 5-6000 lots in the 22,500 foot zone, and the policy is to sell, those first and then reach out--claims they want to centralize. A school bus goes by my home! They speak of water being a drain on the town— I have a water main right beside my house, all a developer would have to do is to hook on--they are wrong there!'

Claude Helwig Planning Board: No intention to limit children. Plenty of lots of land available--both in 10,000 foot and 22,500 foot sizes. Reason for the 60,000 foot lots is to channel new facilities into the center of the town. Police! Fire! Water! There are still many places in this town that doesn't have water! Are we going to invite people into town and then not provide them with water? We don't have it ourselves yet! (Applause)

DeFelice: If any developer comes in he will put in water, streets, lights, he will do it, its in the regulations, and it won't cost the town one cent! (Questions from the floor—Where does the water come from? How about Schools?)

There were mingled hisses and applause.

Town Manager Joseph Courtney: How much confidence do you have in this town? Do you want to live here all your life? Personally, I can always get out--and maybe I'll have to--

If development is your intention forget the 60,000 foot lots, and the 22,500

foot lots, and go back to the 10,000 foot lots, or maybe even the 5000 foot lots. No use kidding ourselves! People will be shorted! The 60,000 foot lots are not based with the idea that they will be lived on, but to channel the maximum development in other parts of town--it's easier that way! We want a reasonable amount of growth in this town. We are not against children. 200 homes a year is allright beyond that is municipal indigestion. We have been 15 or 20 years doing without things. We shouldn't avoid our obligations--There are still a lot of people that don't have the services they should have, and they are still waiting for it.

There was heavy applause as the TM sat down.

Angeline DeCosta: 'Is the 60,000 foot lots to discourage the people in the 10,000 foot lots from moving out to where it is green Edward Curtis: Only three sections in the northern part of town that could be developed Mr. Daly has a place that could have 22,500 foot lots. The rest of the area, if you zoned it for 5 acres, would still be unsuitable. You'll never get it developed!'

Bernard McMahon: Will this be the final zoning map or do we assemble in a Special Town Meeting 4 or 5 years from now, to rezone some other area for a new industry? The town has been industrially stagnant for the past two years! When will we get some industry into Wilmington?

Mr. McMahon pointed to the Town of Burlington, as a place that is acquiring a lot of new industry.

Voice from the rear: Burlington is rezoning soon - a town official told me so to - day!

The Moderator called for a vote on the amendment. Among those voting for was Selectman DeFelice. The vote was announced: 81 for and 171 against. The amendment had been defeated.

Protect Old Lots

Stanley Webber member of the Finance Committee, in discussing Section V-3-b, offered an amendment in which registered lots did not have to conform to the Zoning Law, if they were registered since 1934.

Moran: 'Just voted the 60,000 foot lots. Now a Town father wants to get around it! Skin Game!'

Webber: This is discriminatory against people who have had their lots surveyed, and approved, and now they will be put to the added expense of doing it all over.

John Ritchie, Chairman of the Planning Board, asked for a ruling from the Town Counsel as to lots already recorded.

Buzzell: Any lot already recorded, or one in which no approval of the Planning Board was needed, etc. could be used even though there was adjoining land of the same owner. I have heard suggestions that some developers that they will protect themselves by deeding every other lot to a 'straw'. I told them that they didn't

think properly. In June 1954 we referred to lots already recorded That was the purpose of this one--this can be improved by stating that the lot in question must appear on a plan

Dr. Gaius Harmon, of the Board of Health offered motion which gave the Board of Health more power, to all locating sites of dumps. It was voted as an amendment to Paragraph V11. Specifically it stated that the Board of Appeals shall grant no authorization for the use of any land as a dump unless such place has been assigned by the Board of Health for such use in accordance with the provisions of the section.

The time was 10:53. The reading of Article was ended. John Elia, of West Street moved an amendment which provided that property on which his father had operated a business since 1927 should be a Neighborhood Business Zone. The land was in trapezoid form, 350 feet along Lowell Street, 125 feet along West Street, 350 feet and 140 feet.

Professor Goodman opposed the amendment as unnecessary, but it was voted, 132 to 86. Selectmen Bliss, Black and Woods voted against it.

Paul Godzyk, Parket Street asked that land he owned on Lowell Street, not zoned for General Business, be so zoned. It was a short strip, adjacent to a General Business Zone. The amendment was voted.

At 11:13 the Moderator called for a vote on the Zoning Law, as amended. The vote was nearly unanimous in favor, 219 to 9.

Vote Change in Charter

The meeting returned to the articles previously passed over. Stanley Webber moved that the Town vote to instruct the Selectmen to petition the State Legislature to amend the Town Charter, Section 12 Paragraph L, so that written permission must be had from the Finance Committee before any transfer of funds be made by the Selectmen and Town Manager. Mr Webber read a letter from Herbert Barrows Chairman of the Finance Committee, in which it was pointed out that the power to appropriate is vested in the people, and the people only.

Rene Larivee: I would also like to ask if the Finance Committee has to approve of School Committee transfers?

TM Courtney: This is a tempest in a teapot, and the tea is only lukewarm. We just voted an article for a transfer on Suncrest Ave. It was the first and only time that we have used this provision. We had to do it to get action. The Water Extension Committee very properly took the position that replacing a water main was not an extension. The Water Board said that they would do the work if they had the money. The Finance Committee said that it wasn't an emergency. The Selectmen could not wait for a house to burn down. We cleared the log-jam.

The Finance Committee has taken the position that it is always possible that some Town Officer could get out of control. I have no great

objection to that thought. The Town voted Mr Eebber's Article.

The Last Article

Without too much ado, the Town then voted the last Article, to give the water Commissioners the right to take an easement off West St at the curve, for the purpose of laying a water main.

BARROWS MOVING TO MAINE

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace E. Barrows, lifelong residents of this town, are planning to move to Maine shortly after the first of January.

Mr. and Mrs. Barrows and their family of three children, Wallace 13 years old, Nancy, 11 years, and Marilyn 3 years, have purchased a ten room country house along with fourteen acres of land in Fairfield about eighty miles from Bangor. They own approximately 1700 feet of frontage on the Kennebec River and their new home is in Belgrade Lake country, a beautiful spot from their reports.

The Barrows family have lived at 23 High Street for over ten years. Mr. Barrows is a commercial agent for the Delaware and Hudson Railroad and his business calls him to Maine.

DAV W/IST PARTY SATURDAY

The ladies of the Disabled American Veterans Auxiliary will conduct a whist party in the hall on Grove Avenue on Saturday evening. Many fine prizes have been provided and there will be a coffee hour

On Sunday the DAV is holding a Veteran's Day, at the Bedford Veteran's Hospital. All members who wish to take part are advised to notify Commander William Smith.

RECORD HOP AT WILDWOOD SCHOOL SATURDAY NIGHT

A record hop for all ages, sponsored by the MYF and Pilot Group of the Wilmington Methodist Church will be held on Saturday evening at the Wildwood School cafeteria. It will start at 8 pm admission will be \$.50 and there will be refreshments.

ENGAGEMENT OF NANCY NOBLE ANNOUNCED

Mr. and Mrs. Albert J. Noble, Jr. of 4 Silverhurst Avenue, announced the engagement of their daughter, Nancy, to William A. Cook of Auburn, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Cook of Beverly.

Miss Noble graduated from Lowell State Teacher's College and did graduate work at Boston University School of Education. She is a member of Pi Lambda Theta, National Honor Association for Women in Education and is presently the Remedial Reading teacher at the Wildwood School.

Mr. Cook prepared at the Huntington School in Boston and graduated from Northeastern University, College of Engineering. He is a Junior Engineer for the New England Power Service Company in Worcester and served in the Army of the U.S. during World War II.

An early summer wedding is planned.

THE PRESIDENT OF THE ROTARY CLUB GETS HIS WINGS CLIPPED (Photos by Dr Henry Foster at Rotary Club Nov 23rd)

Moderator Simon Cutter
Calls Meeting to OrderProfessor William Goodman
Explains Zoning Chart.

THE FIRST TOWN MEETING IN THE NEW HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM

TOWN NOTES

Weather

We cannot recall seeing the boys out skating, in November, before this year, but then we haven't been around very long, only 40 years or so. Anyway, the temperatures during the past week have been as low as 18 degrees, there is ice on all the smaller ponds, and the boys started skating on Friday.

It is the early skating which is always the best. Clear ice, no snow, and, if the freezing was quick enough to make a fast and solid sheet there is a good chance that little boys didn't throw sticks and stones out, 'to test the ice' and ruin skates.

There was only .02 inches of rain last week, on Nov. 23rd.

Hot Top

We notice that the hot-top driveway, for the rectory of St. Thomas Church has been extended a little.

There is a spruce tree, in a little green spot, at the head of the driveway. The green spot used to be about 20 feet long, shaped like an egg, with the smaller end coming to a point. Now it is about 8 or 10 feet in diameter, and round.

We would hazard that this was a case of accepting the inevitable. People used to drive over the center piece anyway, so the good priests had the hot-top put in, the largest ever.

and now everybody feels better.

French Scholar

We know that there is at least one student of the French language in town. He has stolen (or borrowed) a new French-English dictionary from the Wilmington Public Library. Maybe he will return it.

Somebody once stole a new book about Thomas Edison from the Library. It mysteriously disappeared, was missing for several months, and the just as mysteriously re-appeared in its proper place on a Library Shelf.

ST. THOMAS'S NEWS

Sunday Masses 7:00, 8:15, 9:30, 10:30 and 11:30. Week day Masses at 7:00 and 7:30am. Baptisms in the Rectory, 126 Middlesex Avenue, at 2pm Sundays.

Confessions for First Friday will be held tonight, at 7:30 pm.

First Friday Masses tomorrow morning (Dec. 2nd) at 6:00, 7:00 and 7:30. Sacred Heart Devotions, and Sodality, at 7:45 pm. Saturday: Devotions in honor of Our Lady of Fatima at 7:45 pm.

We express our gratitude to all who so generously contributed to the Bishop's Clothing Drive, to the Turkey Whist, and to the Fall paper Drive. All were very successful.

We also express our gratitude for the response to the monthly Building Fund Collection. The response last month was the largest ever.

Next Sunday is Communion Day for the women of the parish.

We will have a Food Sale, in Villanova Hall next Sunday, after Masses, conducted by the ladies of the CDA for the benefit of Mentally Retarded Children. Please bring cakes to the hall on Saturday, between 7 and 9 pm., or call Mrs. DeLisle.

Remember in your prayers Marion Martin, Carmella Augustina, Rosemary Manning, John Costello, whose Second Anniversary Mass will be celebrated on Saturday at 7:30 am, and Mary Judith Durkee, for whom a Solemn High Funeral Mass was held on Monday at 10 am.

PACK 57 MEETS TOMORROW

Pack 57 Cub Scouts will have their Pack meeting on Friday, December 2, at the Swain School gymnasium. There will be cartoon movies and games after the induction of new members of the Pack Committee, Den Mothers and Cubs.

ST. DOROTHY'S CHURCH

Wilmington - So. Tewksbury Rev. Joseph S. Leahy, Pastor Sunday Masses at Silver Lake at 8:45 and 10:45 am. St. Mary's at 7:00, 8:30, 10:00 and 11:15 am.

Miraculous Medal Novena on Monday at 7:45 pm

Classes for children, 9:30 am Saturdays, in St. Mary's and St. Dorothy's Hall



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CUB PACK 56 NEWS

Pack 56 of North Wilmington held it's monthly meeting last Saturday at the Swain School with everyone joining in the re-enactment of the first Thanksgiving which was the theme of the meeting. The boys, dressed as Pilgrims and Indians were seated about the festive table, while the cubmaster read an excerpt concerning the Pilgrims. After the Thanksgiving prayer Mr. Edward Curtis sang 'The Lord's Prayer' via a tape recording.

The business part of the meeting consisted of the signing of the Pack 56 charter by the leaders of the pack. Inducted as new leaders were Assistant cubmaster Charles B. Guthrie; Committeemen: George L. Webster, Walter C. Smith, Frank Perdicaro, Winston L. Fairfield and John F. Winters; Den Mothers: Helen M. Bryant, and Laurel Williamson; Assistant den mother: Rita Tidwell.

The awards presented to the boys were Lion badge, Arthur S. Zaino; Wolf badge, John Stanley; Gold Arrow, Robert Jones, William Williamson, John Winters, Leonard Bryant Jr., and Arthur Zaino; Silver arrow, Michael Dolan. The games, which consisted of skits acted out in pantomime, were enjoyed by all.

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Den 6 scored the most points in interpreting the actions of the characters in each skit.

Books solicited from donors were sold at the meeting along with cookies (also donated) and soft drinks.

The date of the next meeting, a Christmas Party will be December 17th.

Any boy between the ages of 8-11 is reminded that if he wishes to join Pack 56 of North Wilmington as a Cub-scout, he should contact the Cubmaster, Arthur L. Zaino at OLiver 8-3652.

HARVARD STUDENTS LEFT IN WILMINGTON ON PRANK

Two Harvard University students, Paul Murry and Robert Knight, were abandoned in Wilmington, about 1:45 am on Nov. 29th, as part of a student prank. The two young men had been abducted by classmates, dressed in old clothes, had their faces painted, and their hands tied, and then left on the side of the road near the J. W. Greer Plant on Main Street.

George says:

Christmas Is Coming; Don't Forget

Write To The Boys!